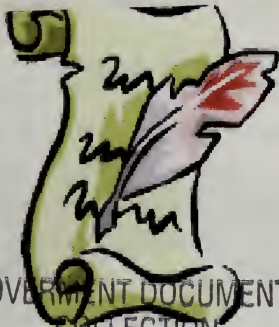


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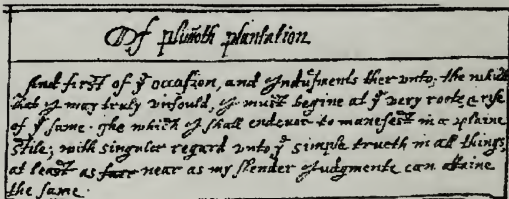
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The Department holds records relating to Massachusetts government, history, and politics, including papers of former Massachusetts legislators and other political figures. The collection also includes tax valuations, biographical material on legislators, and records of Massachusetts civic and political organizations.

## MAPS AND ATLASES\*

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The broad and rich historic collection covers most Massachusetts communities. It is particularly strong in 19th and 20th century commercial publications. Also included are Sanborn



fire insurance maps as well as panoramic views, railroad maps and profiles, county maps and atlases, current and historic topographic maps, and printed maps issued by Massachusetts state agencies.

## CITY/TOWN DIRECTORIES AND VOTING LISTS

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The large collection dates from the first Boston directory of 1789 and covers most Massachusetts communities.

## ARCHITECTURAL PLANS

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The collection contains plans of the State House and other state buildings and monuments.

## AUDIO AND VIDEOTAPES\*

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The Department is the repository for taped sessions of the Massachusetts House of Representatives (audio: Nov. 1984 - Nov. 1987; video: Nov. 1987 - present) and the Senate (video: 1993 - present). Selected hearings are also available and can be searched in the library's online catalog (<http://catalog.cwmars.org/search~S74/>).

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The collection is strong in Massachusetts and New England history, politics, law, and biography. It includes a comprehensive selection of early printings of Massachusetts laws, legislative documents and journals, and other state documents.

## BROADSIDES\*

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The collection contains materials ranging from the American Revolution to gubernatorial proclamations of the present day.

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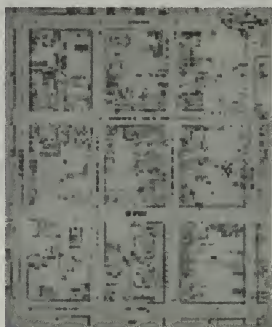
The Department houses selected late 18th and early nineteenth-century Massachusetts newspapers as well as periodicals concerning history and

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## PHOTOGRAPHS, PRINTS, AND PICTURES\*

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The collection centers on the State House, including its construction and history and on legislators and other political figures. Of special interest is the Burrill File, an historic collection of photographs, pamphlets, and ephemera about the State House, Massachusetts politicians, and various Massachusetts communities.



## GENEALOGY

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The State Library is a government research library established to serve the information needs of state officials.

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